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U.S. Says Wife In Spy Case Had Data for China

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—When Anne Henderson-Pollard was arrested last month, she was planning to offer 'the Chinese a secret document that describes in detail what American intelligence knows about Peking's spying activities in this country, prosecutors asserted today.

In a 23-page document filed in Federal District Court here, prosecutors contended that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard, who has been charged with obtaining classified documents, was far more deeply involved in the alleged espionage activities of her husband, Jonathan Jay Pollard, than previously indicated.

Neither Has Been Indicted

In the court papers the Government said for the first time that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard had been intending to deliver secret documents to the Chinese. Her husband has already been accused of selling secret intelligence documents to Israel. They have not been formally indicted or indicated how they would plead.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Government sources said today their nation would permit Americans to interview the senior Israeli counterterrorism official who is said to have obtained secret documents from Mr. Pollard beginning in the spring of 1984. Mr. Pollard, a Navy counterintelligence analyst, gave Israel information about Arab military forces, Soviet weaponry used in Arab lands and sensitive Israeli defense matters, a high Israeli official has reported.

The promised interview was said to be part of a wider understanding worked out in an effort to resolve the spy affair before it caused any further damage to American-Israeli relations. The understanding was reached in a telephone call placed early Sunday morning by Secretary of State George P. Shultz to Prime Minister Shimon Peres. [Page A6.]

Prosecutors Make Charge

According to the prosecution's papers filed in court today, Mrs. Henderson-Pollard had been preparing to make a "presentation" to the Chinese Embassy. Among the documents found by Federal agents in a search, the prosecutors said, were "detailed analyses of intelligence-gathering capabilities and activities of the People's Re-

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public of China within the United States."

Such a document would be invaluable to any espionage service because it would confirm its success or failure in concealing covert efforts to gather information.

Officials said it was not clear whether the Pollards had provided any information to the Chinese. The doctoment quoted an unnamed witness as recounting a conversation with Mrs. Henderson-Pollard. According to the witness, Mrs. Henderson-Pollard wanted to meet at a hotel where they would burn classified documents hidden in a suitcase.

She told this witness that "something had happened to her husband." The suitcase, which which was seized by Federal agents and opened after they received a search warrant. contained documents Mr. Pollard had obtained for her, the court papers said.

In the papers, prosecutors also explained for the first time why the Israeli Embassy refused to accept the couple's plea for asylum.

Last month, according to the testimony of an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Pollard's contact at the embassy offered to help him escape if he was able to "shake the surveillance."

On the day of his arrest, Mr. Pollard and his wife entered the embassy. Mr. Pollard later told the authorities that he had been turned away "because of the presence of the agents outside the embassy grounds," the papers said.

The prosecution filed the papers to support their request that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard be held without bond, At an earlier hearing, a Federal magistrate delayed ruling on her bond, and a hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

"We are suggesting at this point that the level of her involvement is much more significant than has been heretofore been made public," said Joseph DiGenova, the United States Attorney

The motion said that in a phone call to Mrs. Henderson-Pollard that was overheard by Federal agents, her husband asked her remove the cactus from her apartment. Days later, after poring over documents that she had removed from the apartment, agents discovered a reference to a weapon system known by the acronym Cactus, the prosecutors alleged.

The prosecutors said that this showed she had intimate familiarity with the documents that her husband has been accused of stealing from the Navai Intelligence Service, where he was a civilian employee.

At a bail hearing last week, an F.B.I. agent disclosed the existence of the documents related to China. The agent said that the documents had been found in a suitcase belong to the couple, and that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard had attempted to destroy the suitcase shortly after her husband's arrest.

Mr. Pollard, 31 years old, was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington two weeks ago. According to prosecutors, Mr. Pollard has acknowledged that he had sold secret documents to the Israeli Government for a year and a half.

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Mr. DiGenova said tonight, however,

that a more severe charge against Mrs. Henderson-Pollard may be filed after the case goes before a grand jury. This could include espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage.

The statements by Federal prosecutors marked the second time in two weeks that officials have charged Americans with possible spying for the Chinese. Last month, in an unrelated case, Larry Wu-Tai Chin, an analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, was charged with conducting esplonage on behalf of China for 30 years. He pleaded not guilty today.